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- (1) Pressure. We recommend temperature-compensated, digital-pneumatic, or deadweight pressure calibrators, with data-logging capabilities to minimize transcription errors. We recommend using calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.
- (2) Temperature. We recommend digital dry-block or stirred-liquid temperature calibrators, with data logging capabilities to minimize transcription errors. We recommend using calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty. You may perform the linearity verification for temperature measurement systems with thermocouples, RTDs, and thermistors by removing the sensor from the system and using a simulator in its place. Use a NISTtraceable simulator that is independently calibrated and, as appropriate, cold-junction compensated. The simulator uncertainty scaled to temperature must be less than 0.5% of  $T_{\rm max.}$  If you use this option, you must use sensors that the supplier states are accurate to better than 0.5% of  $T_{\text{max}}$  compared with their standard calibration curve.
- (3) Dewpoint. We recommend a minimum of three different temperature-equilibrated and temperature-monitored calibration salt solutions in containers that seal completely around the dewpoint sensor. We recommend using calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.
- (b) You may remove system components for off-site calibration. We recommend specifying calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.

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FLOW-RELATED MEASUREMENTS

### § 1065.320 Fuel-flow calibration.

(a) Calibrate fuel-flow meters upon initial installation. Follow the instrument manufacturer's instructions and use good engineering judgment to repeat the calibration.

- (b) You may also develop a procedure based on a chemical balance of carbon or oxygen in engine exhaust.
- (c) You may remove system components for off-site calibration. When installing a flow meter with an off-site calibration, we recommend that you consider the effects of the tubing configuration upstream and downstream of the flow meter. We recommend specifying calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.

#### § 1065.325 Intake-flow calibration.

- (a) Calibrate intake-air flow meters upon initial installation. Follow the instrument manufacturer's instructions and use good engineering judgment to repeat the calibration. We recommend using a calibration subsonic venturi, ultrasonic flow meter or laminar flow element. We recommend using calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.
- (b) You may remove system components for off-site calibration. When installing a flow meter with an off-site calibration, we recommend that you consider the effects of the tubing configuration upstream and downstream of the flow meter. We recommend specifying calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.
- (c) If you use a subsonic venturi or ultrasonic flow meter for intake flow measurement, we recommend that you calibrate it as described in §1065.340.

# § 1065.330 Exhaust-flow calibration.

(a) Calibrate exhaust-flow meters upon initial installation. Follow the instrument manufacturer's instructions and use good engineering judgment to repeat the calibration. We recommend that you use a calibration subsonic venturi or ultrasonic flow meter and simulate exhaust temperatures by incorporating a heat exchanger between the calibration meter and the exhaust-flow meter. If you can demonstrate that the flow meter to be calibrated is insensitive to exhaust temperatures, you may use other reference meters such as laminar flow elements, which

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are not commonly designed to withstand typical raw exhaust temperatures. We recommend using calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.

- (b) You may remove system components for off-site calibration. When installing a flow meter with an off-site calibration, we recommend that you consider the effects of the tubing configuration upstream and downstream of the flow meter. We recommend specifying calibration reference quantities that are NIST-traceable within 0.5% uncertainty.
- (c) If you use a subsonic venturi or ultrasonic flow meter for raw exhaust flow measurement, we recommend that you calibrate it as described in §1065.340.

# § 1065.340 Diluted exhaust flow (CVS) calibration.

- (a) Overview. This section describes how to calibrate flow meters for diluted exhaust constant-volume sampling (CVS) systems.
- (b) Scope and frequency. Perform this calibration while the flow meter is installed in its permanent position. Perform this calibration after you change any part of the flow configuration upstream or downstream of the flow meter that may affect the flow-meter calibration. Perform this calibration upon initial CVS installation and whenever corrective action does not resolve a failure to meet the diluted exhaust flow verification (i.e., propane check) in § 1065.341.
- (c) Reference flow meter. Calibrate a CVS flow meter using a reference flow meter such as a subsonic venturi flow meter, a long-radius ASME/NIST flow nozzle, a smooth approach orifice, a laminar flow element, a set of critical flow venturis, or an ultrasonic flow meter. Use a reference flow meter that reports quantities that are NIST-traceable within  $\pm 1\%$  uncertainty. Use this reference flow meter's response to flow as the reference value for CVS flowmeter calibration.
- (d) Configuration. Do not use an upstream screen or other restriction that could affect the flow ahead of the reference flow meter, unless the flow meter has been calibrated with such a restriction.

- (e) PDP calibration. Calibrate a positive-displacement pump (PDP) to determine a flow-versus-PDP speed equation that accounts for flow leakage across sealing surfaces in the PDP as a function of PDP inlet pressure. Determine unique equation coefficients for each speed at which you operate the PDP. Calibrate a PDP flow meter as follows:
- (1) Connect the system as shown in Figure 1 of this section.
- (2) Leaks between the calibration flow meter and the PDP must be less than 0.3% of the total flow at the lowest calibrated flow point; for example, at the highest restriction and lowest PDP-speed point.
- (3) While the PDP operates, maintain a constant temperature at the PDP inlet within  $\pm 2\%$  of the mean absolute inlet temperature,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .
- (4) Set the PDP speed to the first speed point at which you intend to calibrate.
- (5) Set the variable restrictor to its wide-open position.
- (6) Operate the PDP for at least 3 min to stabilize the system. Continue operating the PDP and record the mean values of at least 30 seconds of sampled data of each of the following quantities:
- (i) The mean flow rate of the reference flow meter,  $\overline{n}_{ref}$ . This may include several measurements of different quantities, such as reference meter pressures and temperatures, for calculating  $\overline{n}_{ref}$ .
- (ii) The mean temperature at the PDP inlet,  $\bar{T}_{in}$ .
- (iii) The mean static absolute pressure at the PDP inlet,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .
- (iv) The mean static absolute pressure at the PDP outlet,  $\bar{p}_{out}$ .
- (v) The mean PDP speed,  $\bar{f}_{nPDP}$ .
- (7) Incrementally close the restrictor valve to decrease the absolute pressure at the inlet to the PDP,  $\bar{p}_{in}$ .
- (8) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(6) and (7) of this section to record data at a minimum of six restrictor positions reflecting the full range of possible in-use pressures at the PDP inlet.
- (9) Calibrate the PDP by using the collected data and the equations in §1065.640.
- (10) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(6) through (9) of this section for